

### Remarks

Favorable reconsideration in view of the herewith presented amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that applicants have not made a formal claim to priority. The priority requests were in the original declaration and are now set forth in the present specification. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

### AUTHORIZATION

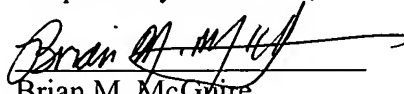
If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-9200. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at mcguireb@gtlaw.com.

No additional fee is believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

Dated: December 12, 2005

By: Respectfully submitted,

  
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